



## Training Report On

### “Skill Development Training on Japi Making for Value Addition and Livelihood” -under the project

‘Improving the traditional homestead to a viable agroforestry system for biodiversity conservation and inclusive growth of Khampti tribes of Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh’

**Venue:** Pathar Gaon Village, Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh

**Date:** 26/02/2023 and 27/02/2023

A total of eighteen (18) trainees from different villages of Namsai district, viz. Lathao village, Pathar Gaon, Piyong, Wingko and Mahadevpur took part in a two-days training programme on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023 which was held at Pathar Gaon Village. The workshop was organized by Dr. Prosanta Hazarika, ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam on “Skill Development Training on Japi Making for Value Addition and Livelihood” under the project titled “Improving the traditional homestead to a viable agro-forestry system for biodiversity conservation and inclusive growth of Khampti tribe of Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh”. Dr. Prosanta Hazarika, Principal Investigator of the project gave a brief introduction about the training programme while delivering the welcome address. He also briefed about the ongoing project activities carried out under this project by ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute Jorhat with the fund received from National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) in Namsai district and benefits gained by the local communities in the area. The inaugural speech was followed by the felicitation of the resource person, Mr. Pulin Nath, Master Trainer from Jorhat by Shri Mayur Suman, JPF. After this the master trainer presented a ‘hands on training for making Japi’. He showed the trainees to make Japi with the resources available locally such as bamboo and leaves of *Livistona jenkinsiana* (Toko paat).

After lunch, he demonstrated how to make two different types of Japi. One Japi was made for use in agricultural fields use for protection from rain and sun. The other one was Phulam Japi which commercial trade during Rangalee Bihu of Assam by Bihuwatis and for household decoration mostly. The first day of the training session was limited to demonstration of making Japi for use in agricultural fields. The trainees learned how to make the mould for making Japis in large scale. They also learned about the tools and techniques required for this purpose.

The day two of the workshop was started with demonstration for making decorative Japis of different sizes for different uses. The Master trainer Sri Pulin Nath provided expertise and assistance to the trainees in making beautiful decorative Japis

The trainees showed keen interest in making Japis and were eager to start commercial scale production of Japis for distribution in the local markets. ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat assured market linkages for selling their products. The concluding speech was given by Dr. Prosanta Hazarika which emphasized on importance of making products with locally available resources and how Japing making can prove as a means of livelihood for the local communities living in Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh. The certificates were distributed to the trainees by Dr. Prosanta Hazarika after completion of the training.



Dr. Prosanta Hazarika, Principal Investigator of the project delivering the inaugural speech



Master Trainer demonstrating Japi making technique

A trainee practicing bamboo stripping techniques



Shri Pulin Nath, Master Trainer demonstrating Japi making technique



Master Trainer demonstrated for Japi making



Hands on training of making Japi



Trainees practicing their skills



Demonstrating Japi making technique



Demonstration for Japi making technique to the trainees by Sri Pulin Nath, Master trainer





A moment of demonstration for Japi making



Trainees adding final touch to newly made Japi



Dr. Prosanta Hazarika distributing certificates to the trainees.



Group photos with trainees